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Ford Reported Picked Up In Boston After Escape

Richard Ford, 18, of Butters Row, the object of a state-wide search since he escaped from a County Prison, in New Hampshire, last week, was reported to have been identified, yesterday, in Boston.

Officer Vincent Magee, of the Boston police, captured a youth who had slugged an antique dealer, in Back Bay, reportedly because the dealer had refused to sell the youth a gun. The youth, who gave the name of David Burke, had been identified by the police, as the missing Ford.

Ford, who had been living in a camp off Butters Row, has been on the wanted list of several police departments. The Woburn police want to question him about the theft of some tools in that city. The Burlington police want to question him about the larceny of \$90.00 in that town, and the Brookline police suspect that he is a wanted bag snatcher, in that town.

A report to the police, several weeks ago, stated that Ford, together with a Pinehurst youth, had taken off in an unregistered car, after which the two youths were suspected of stealing gasoline in Burlington, and a pocket book from a car.

Ford, a couple of days later, was stopped by the police of Salem, New Hampshire, for a number of traffic offenses. He was unable to pay the fine, and was remanded to the County Prison, from which he escaped a few days later, allegedly stealing an automobile, shortly after escaping.

He was reported, the next day, in Burlington and the police of a dozen towns and cities closed in to search through the woods. Wilmington police cooperated in this search, which had to be called off, because of the prison riot which broke out at that time in Concord Prison.

Critical Shortage In Water Supply Here

A month of nearly dry weather, followed by 13 days of no rain, and combined with a long lasting brush fire which has been described in the Boston Globe, as the worst in the state, has brought the Wilmington Water Supply to a critical level.

In a 24 hour day, the Wilmington Water Department is able to pump about 1.5 million gallons a day, and for quite a while now the town has been using over that limit. The final straw came with the outbreak of the fire, behind the Roberts estate, Sunday. By 3 p.m. Sunday, 2 hours after the outbreak, the supply in the water tower on Kelly's hill was down to 25 feet, the lowest on record, and, at the same time, there was absolutely no water in the tank which supplies North Reading.

At 3 p.m. Sunday the valve was opened for the connection between Wilmington's water mains and those of Tewksbury, and Wilmington received approximately 300,000 gallons of water from that town, to bolster the fast falling supply.

An inspection by interested persons showed that sprinklers were going, in all parts of town, out of hours, and in spite of the printed notice that appeared in last week's paper. These sprinklers were running at 3 p.m. Sunday, at a time when the need for water was desperate.

Water Superintendent Eddie Sargent, in an interview with the Crusader Reporter, Tuesday morning, speculated on the amount of water lost by leaky faucets and gurgling toilets. Mr. Sargent believes that a tremendous amount of water is wasted, because of inattention.

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Spectacular Fire Destroys Barn

A spectacular blaze, with flames shooting an estimated 125 feet into the air, completely destroyed a barn, belonging to Carl Christiansen of Andover Street, Tuesday morning.

The barn, an imposing structure, burned very rapidly, in the dry atmosphere.

The fire was first noticed in the hayloft about 9 o'clock by Mrs. Christiansen, who called the Fire Department. The first trucks responded quickly, but, even before the second truck arrived, the entire barn was a mass of flames, shooting into the sky. The entire department responded to the fire, as did a truck from Reading, under Chief Hugh Eames, and one from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation, under Wally Moran, of Billerica, and one from North Reading. Tewksbury meanwhile, sent Truck No. 5 to the Wilmington Station, to act as a reserve.

The immense heat from the conflagration was immediately apparent, and the fire department first bent its efforts to avoid a spread of the fire to the Christiansen home, about 100 feet away. The shingles on the roof of the home were smoking, and the white painted walls blistered heavily, but the building was saved from further damage by the hose of the firemen.

Other hose were being directed at the fire, and some men took forest fighting outfits into the woods, in the back of the barn, to prevent an outbreak in that direction.

A beautiful blue spruce, 45 feet tall, was burned, as were several large hemlocks, and, partly, a huge pine. Mrs. Christiansen was particularly disconsolate at the loss of the spruce. She had guarded it, she said, in hurricane and winter, and against automobiles of all her visitors, and now it was burned up!

The fire was believed to have started from either spontaneous combustion, in the hay, or from faulty wiring. Two loads of hay had recently been stored in the loft. The livestock, consisting of five goats, were pastured in another part of the estate, and escaped injury.

The value of the barn without contents was estimated at better than \$200. It is reported that there was no insurance.

DONALD BLAKE IN NEVADA

Donald Blake, of Middlesex Avenue, has been sent to Nevada for training, by the Air Force. His address is A/3c Donald A. Blake, 3597th Trgn Sqd Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada.

BILL HUGHSON A SEAGOING PRINTER

Bill Hughson, of Larson Road, is now serving in the Print Shop of his ship. His address is William R. Hughson, USS Tidewater, AD 31, 3rd Div. Print Shop, Norfolk, Virginia.

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EATON MAY BE PRISONER OF REDS

Ronald Eaton, Ensign USN, of 80 Main Street, who was reported missing in action, in Korea, June 25th, may be a prisoner of the Communist armies, it was learned Monday.

A Wilmington family who is close friends with the Eaton family have received a letter from a buddy of Ronald's, describing the action in which he was shot down.

The letter, from a Lowell man who is in the same outfit as Eaton, says that he had been recommended for the Air Medal, as a result of previous action during the week. It then goes on to describe the action in which his plane was hit.

The plane was hitting enemy targets, and had just delivered a salvo of bombs. Eaton turned around, and was heading back for the carrier when his plane suffered a hit in the engine, disabling it. He was observed to parachute to the ground, in enemy territory.

Shortly after a helicopter attempted to land near where Eaton had landed, in an effort to rescue Eaton. The helicopter was hit by anti-aircraft fire, and forced to land, but fortunately was able to do so behind the United Nations lines.

A second helicopter then landed, and picked up Eaton, after which it took off, and started to return to the aircraft carrier Bon Homme Richard. After having flown about a mile, this helicopter was hit by anti-aircraft fire, and forced to land behind enemy lines.

At least one person was positively seen to get out of the helicopter. He was promptly taken prisoner, by enemy forces, the letter said.

JOE BARTON INJURED IN MAINE

Joe Barton, former Chief of the Wilmington Fire Department, was injured, quite badly, in a tractor accident, last Saturday night.

The accident, which occurred on the farm which Barton is running, pinned Barton beneath the machine which had overturned. He was rushed to a hospital, in a critical condition.

According to a telephone report, from Walter Smith, another Wilmingtonite now living in Maine, Barton had been mowing hay, using a new tractor, only two months old. Some defect in the hay mower caused it to jam and Barton stopped and disconnected the mower. He then proceeded up a steep grade the report states, and the tractor overturned, pinning him down, and injuring him seriously.

M. T. CAUGHEY ON MIDWAY

M. T. Caughey of Bates Avenue, is serving with the Seabees, on Midway Island. His address is M. T. Caughey, Bul2, MCB #2, DE TA, FPO, San Francisco.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OBSERVER CORPS

William A. Simmons, of 10 Middlesex Avenue, the Chief Observer of Ground Observation Corps, Civil Defense, is in urgent need of volunteers, for the Observation Program, requested by the U.S. Air Corps, which begins here in Wilmington on July 14th.

Bill is up against a problem. He has to provide observers, to stand watch in the gallery of the Roman House, from July 14th on, every hour of the day. There are 168 hours in each week, and Bill feels that no observer should have to stand alone. That means that there must be a large number of volunteers, and presents Bill with a problem of staggering proportions.

There is no age limit, within reason, Mr. Simmons has stated. High School students, of 16 or over will be accepted, as will any other person.

The Telephone Company has cooperated with the Civil Defense and Mr. Simmons now has a telephone, which he, as Chief Observer has so urgently needed.

Persons who wish to volunteer, for this urgently needed work in Civil Defense, can get Mr. Simmons now, at Wilmington 532.

GIRL'S SOFTBALL TEAM

The CYO of St. Thomas, has a Softball team, open to girls, 14 to 17. The girls will play St. Theresa's, at North Reading, on Thursday evening.

LEO WOODS JOINS NAVY

James Leo Woods, of Beacon Street, reported for duty, with the United States Navy today. He is to go to Bainbridge, Maryland, for indoctrinational training.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE

Police are investigating a case of malicious damage, on Hobson Street. A house owned by Mrs. Holland has been messed up, apparently by children. Every window in the house has been broken.

AUTO ACCIDENT ON MACDONALD ROAD

A collision, on July 5th, at 8:15 p.m., involved a car driven by Denis Canelas, of MacDonald Rd., and another driven by Robert King of South Street, Tewksbury. Both cars were damaged.

HOWARD PARKER IN HOSPITAL

Howard Parker, of Brattle Street was taken to St. John's Hospital, in Lowell, by the Police ambulance, at 3:15 a.m. July 8th.

ST. THOMAS CYO BASEBALL TEAM



Front row: left to right, Joseph McLeod, George Fiorenza, Pat DiTucci, Paul McMullen, Second row: John Smalley Dick Harrington, Ed McDevitt, Larry Cushing, Kevin Berrigan, Ronald Lambert, Paul Smalley Rear Row: Father Regan, Father Shea, Herbert Varley, Bob DiGiralamo, Jaul Burke, Jim Preston, Frank DiPiano, Charlie Ritchie, Coach, and Bob Butters, Coach.

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EDWARD C. MANNING

In the ordinary reporting of events, the fact that a family moves from one town to another if reported at all, comes under a column heading, "Society," or "Social Events."

Edward C. Manning is moving from Wilmington to Reading. We choose to report this event editorially. We realize that we may not do justice to the event, if we discuss it editorially, but it is certain that the event could be discussed in no other way, and still be justly handled.

From the day he attained voting age, Mr. Manning has always been a figure in public affairs of this town. He was elected to public office (school committee) at the age of 22, and was in that year the youngest public official in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Born in Wilmington, in 1911, Mr. Manning emerged into political life during the depth of the depression. An extremely active individual, and a Democrat, he was always engaged in three or four activities, at the same time.

Consider the year 1934, in Mr. Manning's life. He was Scoutmaster of the Wilmington Boy Scouts. He was a member of the School Committee. He was a member of the Park and Planning Board. He was a member of the Board of Appeal. He was a student, at Harvard Law School, and in his spare time he was editor and publisher of the Wilmington News.

Not only was Mr. Manning in the activities just described, but, within the year he was also to be secretary of the Buzzell School Building Committee.

Those were times of change. Nationally, the New Deal was in full sway. Locally, Mr. Manning and the other members of the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals were engaging in their share of controversy, out of which controversy came the adoption of the Zoning By-Laws, and the Zoning By-Laws Map. When these were finally adopted, it must have given Mr. Manning pleasure to realize that the map was based on studies that his father had pursued, many years before.

As we have said, Mr. Manning was on the Board of Appeals too. People who didn't like the decision of the Selectmen, or of the Planning Board, among others, could go to the Board of Appeals, for relief. The Board of Appeals, in those days was instrumental in setting up a "strong" set of precedents.

In 1936 Mr. Manning accepted employment out of town. He was, at various times, a teacher in various High Schools, and an assistant Professor of Guidance, in Boston University. The war, to him, as to every other American youth, was an arbiter of fortune, and he found himself in the Army, sharing in the defenses of Alaska.

Back home, after the war, in 1946, Mr. Manning re-entered the teaching profession, and is now Director of Guidance, for the Woburn Public Schools. He also re-entered the political arena.

An attempt to get Mr. Manning elected Selectman failed, but he was very promptly elected to the Planning Board, where he has now served as Chairman for some years.

The Planning Board was far from inactive. It sponsored the construction of a town beach, at Silver Lake, and established a system of protection there. It sponsored the adoption of, and enforcement of regulations, and it sponsored the development of a basic town map. It was also instrumental in the sponsorship of a committee to revise the town By-Laws.

Mr. Manning was chairman of the committee that built the new High School, 1949-51. He was President of the PTA, and he still had time for other activities.

Edward Chandler Manning worked long, hard, and loyally, for the town of his birth. It is perhaps ironic, that he now seeks other climes.

We haven't always agreed with Mr. Manning, but we have always agreed that he was a veritable beehive of industry. We take this opportunity to wish him well, as he faces in another direction, perhaps seeking new world's to conquer.

ALWAYS AN INTERESTING SUBJECT

The subject of taxes is always interesting. Throughout the Commonwealth, it is common for each householder to suspect that he is taxed more highly than his neighbor, and for each town to suspect that some other town "has it better." Businesses, too, are always wondering what their competitors have to pay, and on what basis the tax assessor is working.

A committee of the General Court has prepared a report on the subject of taxation, which is somewhat interesting. The report, of course, is too long to reproduce here, but anyone interested can get it from the State House. It is known as House 2323.

One way of arriving at a conclusion about assessment of taxes is to compare the total assessment with the total population. It might not be entirely fair, no method ever is, but it does supply some interesting statistics, in a subject of universal interest.

There is a map in this publication (House 2323) which shows the assessed valuation, per capita, in the cities and towns of Massachusetts. As we understand this, it purports to show how much property is in a certain town, in relation to the number of people in that town.

Four colors are used. Yellow is the lowest rating, show-

ing towns with an assessed valuation of \$460 to \$1030 per capita. This color is found mostly in the center of the state, in the town of Worcester County, although there are others, a total of 88. Within 15 miles or so we have in this classification Middleton, Tewksbury, Dracut, Tyngsborough, Bedford and Wayland.

The next classification is in red, and shows towns and cities of the \$1040 to \$1320 class. This group has 88 cities and towns, and includes quite a few manufacturing towns. Within the same radius as before, we have Methuen, Lowell, Chelmsford, Westford, Boxborough, Stow, Sudbury, Somerville, Chelsea, Saugus, Peabody, Danvers, North Reading, Wilmington and Burlington.

Blue is the color for the next classification, and it includes municipalities in the \$1330 to \$1890 classification. Most of these are in the Eastern third, and the Western third of the state, and there are a total of 87 towns and cities in this classification.

Locally we find Boxford, Billerica, Carlisle, Concord, Waltham, Arlington, Medford, Malden, Melrose, Wakefield, Stoneham, Woburn and Reading in this class.

The highest classification is green, and this color includes towns above \$1910 per capita, to a high of \$18,070 per capita. 88 towns and cities are included in this class.

Most of Cape Cod, a few towns on Cape Ann, and some towns in the Southwest corner of the state are in this class. Locally, we find Topsfield, Lynnfield, Everett, Winchester, Lexington, Belmont, Lincoln and Weston in this class, as well as the city of Boston, which, apparently just squeezed into this class with a valuation of \$1931 per capita.

WHERE IS THE FIRE?

Some months ago, in a nearby town, a residence valued at many thousands of dollars was completely gutted by fire. The fire department in that town lost valuable time in getting to the fire, because there were two streets similarly named.

This is a situation about which the Wilmington Fire Department is much concerned. There are many cases of duplication, in street names. In a list of the streets of this town there are three Pine Avenues, one Pine Court, two Pine Roads and four Pine Streets, not to mention a Pineview Road. This is perhaps the worst case, but there are many others. There is a Harris Street off Burlington Avenue and a Harris Street in Federal Gardens. There is a Lexington Street off of Fairview Street, and another off of Cunningham Street, in North Wilmington.

Last week there was a fire on Cottage Street. There are two streets of this name, and one of them is blocked off, in the middle, by a private fence, making in effect three Cottage Streets.

The fire department was delayed, because it went in on the wrong end of Cottage Street, and had to remove the fence before it could get to the scene of the fire.

The fire department, naturally, are quite concerned. So, too, is the police department.

The Planning Board, and the Town Manager are aware of this situation, and hope to do something about it soon.

Meanwhile, please remember, if a fire happens in your home, take time to carefully tell the fire department just exactly where the fire is. Mention the nearest entrance, and try to keep cool, while you call the department. They are just as interested in getting the fire out, as you are, and they will be helped, if they do not have to go to the wrong place first.

READERS' FORUM



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

As an interested spectator at the recent Fourth of July Parade in the nearby Town of Wakefield, I noted the old Hand Tub Combination on display and being followed by Modern Fire Combination Trucks from the towns of Reading, Winchester, Stoneham, Melrose, and other adjoining towns, besides the Wakefield trucks on the rear.

The thought came to the undersigned that we should include the display of our Engine #3 (the Mack Truck) which compares equally with these other trucks of the surrounding towns. It could be brought out by placarding the Hand Tub, our apparatus of 50

years ago and then have our Engine #1 follow in the parade and exhibit to the spectators, Wilmington's advancement of fire apparatus, instead of having a bystander's son look up wistfully at his Dad and ask if that is what they use in Wilmington and then have Dad

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4-H LEADERS BUILT UP GROTON FAIR GROUNDS

4-H leaders from many towns of Middlesex County gave their labor to build an addition on the cattle shed and repair one wing of the exhibit hall at the Groton Fair Grounds on Sunday, June 22nd. These 4-H people are on the Committee for the second annual Middlesex County 4-H Fair to be held in Groton on August 22nd and 23rd.

The Fair has grown in interest so much since the first year that it has become necessary to increase the building space and improve the grounds.

Besides the carpentry work, the 4-H leaders worked on the outdoor square dance area. The outdoor square dance will be held on Friday evening, August 22nd, under the direction of Lawrence Loy, State Specialist in Young People's Programs.

The work will continue on Sunday, June 29th, and at various times throughout the summer until the Fair takes place.

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ANNUAL REPORT STRESSES
COMMUNITY CITIZENSHIP**

The General Foods Annual Report for the fiscal year ending March 31 is now being received by Birds Eye employees and company stockholders in the Woburn area, Earl Sylvester, Operations manager at Birds Eye Division disclosed.

Production of Birds Eye products contributed to making General Foods annual sales of \$632,544,

531, the company's highest for any year. The comparable figure for the 1951 fiscal year was \$589,223, 204.

In the report of Clarence Francis, chairman, and Austin Igleheart, president stated that new products developed since the end of World War II contributed \$76 million to General Foods sales during the year and we are expected to make an even greater contribution in the future.

Since the end of World War II, General Foods divisions have in-

vested \$14 million in food research throughout the company. Besides the new products already marketed, there are now about 80 new product ideas at various stages of development and experimentation. Of these, a few may make the grade as successful and important products in the next several years.

Earnings Decline Mainly Because of Taxes

General Foods net earnings for the 1952 fiscal year ending March 31 were \$20,435,620. They were \$26,407,197 for the same 12-month period ending in 1951. This amounts to \$3.52 per common share compared with \$4.58 during the 1951 fiscal year.

"The drop in our net earnings amounted to \$1.06 a share," the report states. "This decline occurred despite a slight increase in our earnings from operations."

Taxes, the report stated, accounted for 85 per cent of the decrease in earnings. General Foods provided \$28,300,000 for federal income and excess profits taxes, \$4,400,000 more than in 1951. In addition \$2,400,900 was provided for income taxes levied by states, counties and foreign governments, and other tax authorities. Real estate, franchise, excise, sales and miscellaneous taxes accounted for \$3,700,000. This brought the company's total tax bill to \$34,400,000 of \$6.18 a share, which exceeded the net earnings by 69 cents per share and common dividends to stockholders by 157 percent.

"About 15 per cent of the drop was due to higher non-operating charges such as interest expense and lower non-operating income."

General Foods paid four quarterly dividends totaling \$2.40 per share to about 64,000 stockholders throughout the country extending its payment of consecutive dividends to 121.

Community Citizenship Stressed
Mr. Francis and Mr. Igleheart stressed in the report that in its role of producer, seller, buyer and employer, General Foods is also a corporate citizen.

"We are a citizen in the more than 100 cities, towns and villages where we have operations. The people in these communities look to us to provide the same assistance in community affairs that's expected of any other good citizen."

Ways in which units, such as Birds Eye, helped support the communities in which they operate included financial support given in the form of memberships and donations to worthy causes.

It is estimated that the company's 18,000 regular employees spent or saved most of the \$83 million paid out in salaries in the communities where they live. Approximately \$373,460.00 were paid in salaries here at Birds Eye to approximately 120 employees.

General Foods paid \$225 million for goods and services in the U.S. and Canada and \$13 million for plant expansion and improvements during the 1952 fiscal year. Most of this was spent locally in the company's plant communities. Of

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this amount approximately \$1,226,379.00 were spent here in Woburn and the surrounding communities.

Earl Sylvester called attention to the thinking of his company as expressed in the report:

"General Foods wants to be a good corporate citizen in its communities. We believe we made progress last year first by actual accom-

plishments as a corporate citizen and neighbor, and second by restating certain important convictions on personal and corporate citizenship. In the months and years ahead, we will continue to do everything possible to earn and keep the reputation of being a helpful neighbor and a good friend."

Knowledge is Power1. HOW CAN YOU CURE
INSOMNIA?2. CAN A HAND-OVER
BE SWEATED OUT?3. IS A STRAIGHT
LEFT ARM PART
OF A GOOD GOLF
SWING?

(1) Dr. David F. Tracy offers some advice in his book, "How to Sleep Without Pills." Have your doctor give you a physical checkup, with emphasis on eyes and teeth. Remember that overindulgence in alcohol, tobacco or coffee can cause sleeplessness. The walls and ceilings of your bedroom should not be brightly colored. Pastel shades, especially green, are best.

(2) "No more than one per cent of the alcohol in the human system can be sweated out," writes William A. DeWitt in his book, "Drinking and What to Do About It." The body can normally deal with a third of an ounce of alcohol in an hour without damage. If overloaded with alcohol, the body demands enough time to restore its standard operating

procedures. No safe, efficient substitute for time has been discovered.

(3) It is not, according to Mike Weiss' book "100 Handy Hints on How to Break 100." A straight left arm merely affirms slicing habits. The only time the left arm is rigidly straight in a good golf swing is at the exact moment of impact. This comes from slamming the right hand against the guiding left just a fraction of a second before the ball is hit.

From articles in the May "Catholic Digest"

Applied Christianity Would Bring Us Peace

CERTAINLY LENT IS an acceptable time to dwell upon the wonderful kind of world this could be were it Christianized instead of pagan.

Life would still be far from perfect but, assuredly, less like the whip-saw it is, first ripping one way, then another.

Among discordant sounds eliminated by Christianization in our own section of the globe would be labor troubles. Strikes would be confined to bowling alleys where they bring cheers.

As sincere followers of the principles as well as the encompassing spirit of Christ, management and labor would be continuously in accord at all points. Both sides would accept without quibble the yardstick of Christian justice not distorted by convenient interpretation. There would be only one party line—Christ's.

SUCH ABOMINATIONS OF an undisciplined capitalism as housing shortages, rent controls, slum areas, waste and destruction of food pileups (for this, punishment will surely come), greedy and sensual advertising, unemployment and cynical politics soon would disappear along with countless other pagan practices. It could not be otherwise if the new commandment "love one another" was obeyed with understanding.

Just try to imagine—and you can—living in such an enlightened civilization that even the very threat of war would be an im-

possible eventuality. Where there would be no frontiers walling off states and countries into steel cells bursting at the seams with overcrowded humanity barely able to breathe without disturbing a neighbor.

IMAGINE A CHRISTIAN civilization where the rulers, all types of leaders, would realize and acknowledge as a matter of course that authority is theirs only by the grace of God, and not by any power personally created. Where the benefits of science could not be perverted to make a mockery of its Creator and to destroy His creation.



Intolerance would mean only one thing: hatred of sin. The conscience would be untroubled by charges of anti-this, or anti-that. The Scriptures would not be carelessly quoted attempting to condone evil.

YES, INDEED, THE victory of Christianity would bring about a wonderful world in which to live. That would be guaranteed because the blessings of a pleased God would rain upon the whole parched earth without cease, and men would have peace. — by Thomas Kane.

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The Wilmington Police Associates are planning to run a "Platter Block Dance," on July 16th., at the Silver Lake Park, Silver Lake.

Music is to be provided, and there are to be no tickets. The dance is free, and everybody is to have a good time. This is not a money raising scheme, say the boys of the Police Associates, it is mere-

ly a civic gesture, an effort to provide a good time for young and old, at no expense to the participants.

The party will start with a soft ball game, between George's Cooties, and Cain's Team. The Cooties, so far, have won every game they have played with Cain's, but Jimmy Fairweather is the authority for the statement that THIS time, Cain's is going to win.

Full details have not yet been

worked out, but it is planned to have a refreshment stand, which will sell tonics, etc. The refreshments are supposed to be in the hands of an expert, who is planning to make some money on the deal. His only reason for wanting money is so that he can donate it, every cent of profit, to the Wilmington Rotary Park Fund.

Come one, come all, is the watchword from the Police Associates. You will have a good time, and every time you buy a bottle of pop, you will be donating to an excellent cause—a playground for the children of Wilmington.

JUMPING JUNK RACE CRAZE STARTED IN N. H.

HUDSON—The mania for the Jumping Junk Race has spread across the country and is now catching on at Hudson Speedway, on Route 102, in Hudson, New Hampshire. Started at first as an added attraction at the Speedway the fans demanded more and more Junk Races so that the Management has announced that it will be a weekly added event on top of the regular card of races. In this crazy race the cars are started on the track, they circle the oval for 3 laps and then bounce down the field over a series of raised ramps and back out on the track, this is continued for 15 laps of the zaniest brand of driving, by amateur drivers ever witnessed on a race track before. This race is open to anyone that can drive and has a car that they would like to enter.

Racing is held every Sunday night at the Hudson Speedway with the first heat off at 8 p.m.

CYO BASEBALL TEAM

The CYO Baseball team of St. Thomas will play St. Patrick's tonight, in Stoneham, and Friday night, St. William's at Tewksbury.

JOHNNY McCAULIFFE IN GERMANY

Johnny McCauliffe of Dorchester Avenue, is now in Germany. Our old soldier's latest address is Corp. John McCauliffe, 1043 Prov Co. 1st Pkt, APO 872, New York.

TELEVISION NEWS



BY JACK MOORE

There are two basic types of antenna wire that connect the antenna and the TV set, namely: co-axial cable and flat twin ribbon. Most sets use the latter. Each has advantages and disadvantages, however, the type used is dictated by the TV set. There are times when the type wire can be interchanged without ill effects, however in most cases, if the flat type is used on sets designed for co-axial, a very definite interference can take place in the picture. It is manifested in many ways, the most

important is the "screen wire effect" over the picture. It can also blur the picture and reduce its intensity. Sometimes this condition can be corrected by using a matching transformer, and in some cases, the correct wire has to be used. If you think you are experiencing trouble of this kind and aren't sure if the wire is correct for your set, please call us and give the model number of your set. We shall be pleased to check this in our complete, up-to-date, technical library.

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DID YOU GET YOUR BLOOD TYPED?

During the last three days, ending tonight at 9 p.m. a team of medical technicians from the State has been engaged in typing the blood of Wilmingtonites, done in the High School Response has not been too good. There were numerous times when the technicians had nothing to do, in spite of the fact that they could process 15 persons every 15 minutes, and that this service was widely advertised.

Much credit is due to the Wilmington Boy Scouts. They embarked on a house to house canvass, as far as they were able and signed up approximatedw 360 names. It is interesting to note some of the responses that the scouts got, on this canvass.

1. Away for the Holiday week-end, and thus unable to come on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. What kind of a week-end was it—the lost kind?

2. Too Old!!!
3. Already had been done in the service!!!
4. Don't have time!!!
5. Afraid of having to give blood!!!
6. Have been blood typed other places!
7. Foolish idea!
8. No transportation.

Perhaps some of these are valid. If your blood has been typed very recently, the typing still is good. The typing that was done by the armed services, during the war, had turned out frequently, to have been in error.

This typing is being done as a measure of Civil Defense. It is of value principally to the individual who gets it typed. It is of no value to anyone, if the blood is not typed.

Any person can get into an accident, at any time, and find that he needs a transfusion immediately to save his life. Such a transfusion can be of immense value, if your blood type is known. Without this knowledge, it might possibly prove to be fatal.

The one that makes our blood boil, however, is the "afraid of having to give blood!"

In the first place, there was plenty of reason for everyone to know that they would not have to give blood. In fact, there were no facilities for giving blood, had a person wanted to. Our idea of any person who is afraid to give blood, incidentally, is absolutely unprintable. Of all the selfish reasons we have ever heard of, this one is tops! Afraid to give blood!

These extremely selfish persons, could not even be classified as dogs! A dog is a faithful friend to man, and will loyally give his life, if need be, for his master.

This type of person is perfectly willing that our boys go and fight, and sacrifice their lives,—oh yes—but don't, don't Please don't ask us to give any blood, to save the lives of our boys. Oh, no, they say, YOU go and fight, and WE will stay at home, safe as a bug in the rug. SHAME!

We urge everyone in Wilmington to get their blood typed, for their own protection. The service is free, and the time is late. Do it, and do it NOW!

For those who have missed the blood typing program, in Wilmington, there is still a chance, in the adjoining Town of Billerica. A blood typing program, in the Town Hall there, ends tomorrow night, at nine p.m.

For your protection and safety of your own precious hide, GET YOUR BLOOD TYPED.

VEGETABLE PACKAGE MEETING

Small packages and packaging will be the feature of the Vegetable Twilight Meeting at Tony Busa's, Lowell Road, Lexington, on Monday, July 14th, at 7:00 p.m. Packages will be shown and the subject of pre-packaging discussed by Professor Grant Snyder, Head of the Vegetable Gardening Dept. at the University of Massachusetts, and Nathan Sobel of the A & E Paper Company. Professor Cecil Thomson, Extension Specialist in Vegetable Gardening, will discuss the new sweet corn bag that is adapted to pre-cooling and icing.

Dealers having anything new and practical in packages for vegetables may take this as an invitation to bring it to the meeting.

ST. THOMAS NEWS

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday for the Holy Name Society, and all the men of the parish.

Their usual Record Hop will take place Friday night, in Villanova Hall.

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An overdose of poison! What poison? Arsenic.

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spent in Wilmington. And the arsenic must have been in the tea, for only those who drank tea were taken ill.

Miss Susie Littlefield thereupon poured some of the tea into a small bowl, and remarking, "Why, it pours clear," took the bowl upstairs to her room. But when she returned down stairs the tea pot had disappeared.

The young negro girl who had made the tea—and the Boston Herald said of her, "She is a short girl with a very black complexion, and looks very smart for her age"—denied all knowledge of it. But the tea pot was finally discovered, tucked away in a cranny where she had hidden it after emptying out the tea grounds.

Taken to Boston, the state chemist cut the spout open and found enough arsenic to kill a corporal's guard. Miss Littlefield's bowl of tea was also strongly tainted with arsenic. The only thing that saved the lives of five people was the fact that they had been given a heavy overdose, causing them to vomit violently and continuously and thus throw it off. But it practically took the coating off the lining of my mother's stomach. My father, who had drunk a glass of milk with his supper, was not so badly affected.

But where was the arsenic? Out in the woodshed was a package of "Rough on Rats", partly empty. That proved to be about 90% arsenic! The negro girl had seen Aunt Lizzie Blanchard spread some of it on bread and throw it out to kill rats. Up in the negro girl's room a tin cup was found in which she ordinarily kept flowers. There were no flowers in it now, but the water it contained was impregnated with arsenic as if she had tried some of the "Rough on Rats" to see if it would dissolve.

Officer Rhoades of the state police was brought into the case at the request of local special officer Levi Swain. He arrested the negro girl and took her to Malden where she was booked on a charge of administering poison. As her victims were unable to appear against her she was committed to the Cambridge jail in default of \$5000 bail.

Questioned by an Associated Press reporter, she said that she had been working for Miss Blanchard for 4 months. "I had to wait upon the table and help tea. On Thursday she purchased some tea of Mr. Crowell who drives a team and emptied it into the canister with the other tea. Then she said it tasted like tobacco, and removed a large portion of it and remarked, 'I guess I have taken all the new tea out.' She then told me to make the tea for supper, and I went and took the tea from the closet and placed it in the teapot and waited on the folks."

The girl denied ever having any arsenic, or even knowing what it was, or having done anything to the tea or the food. "I dunno anything about the matter," she said, and cried because she had been arrested, although she did not seem to realize the gravity of the charge against her. Finally brought to trial, she was convicted and sentenced to Sherborn reformatory.

She only lived a few years. Just before she died she confessed the crime, saying that she did not intend to kill anybody but simply wanted to make the boarders sick, so that they would go home and then she could go home.

Well, that rough on rats episode had quite a home-going angle, but far different from what that negro girl imagined. To her it brought a home in Sherborn prison, and eventually her eternal home at the heavenly judgement seat. While to the Emmons family it brought a summer home in Wilmington of 57 years' duration. More about this in our next.

MARJORIE PATCH SEES BRITAIN

Marjorie Patch, serving with a WAC detachment in Germany, recently spent a holiday, touring England and Scotland. She is scheduled to return to her home, town this fall.

TOWN NOTES**WEATHER**

The last week was typically June weather. Hot, most of the time, and no rain. The total rainfall, for the month of June was 2.28 inches.

SPRINKLERS

It is perhaps ironical that in the summer, when some people wish to water their lawns, the Water Department always finds it necessary to restrict watering. People of Wilmington and North Reading are now restricted to three hours a day, and there are a few people who feel just as much burned up as they allege their lawns are.

We sympathize with these people, but somehow, we think that the regulations are not too unreasonable. We don't think how much water can flow in a garden hose in three hours, but we will wager that enough can flow in that time to adequately water any lawn of an average householder in this town. One inch of rain, in a week, we are told, is sufficient for any lawn or garden, and we believe some lawns in this town were having 12 inches a week, before the Water Department clamped down.

HAY HAY

We can recall the day when haying was a lot of fun. We used to climb up on top of a load of hay, and, in common with their children have a wonderful ride back to the barn.

Today, haying has become mechanized, to the nth degree. It is cut, field, and when it does leave the field, and when it does leave, it is only in the shape of impersonal bales, an a huge unfriendly truck.

We have seen only two loads of hay unbaled, during the current season, and even those were on trucks, and hence somewhat uninviting for a hayride.

MR. MACGREGOR OWNS IT

Another feature that we have noticed in our rambles around is the difference in blueberry patches, compared with yesteryear.

It wasn't too many years ago that there were countless acres of blueberry land, in the town around us. Anyone could go nearly anywhere and pick berries to his hearts content.

Today, with many houses being built, the picture is changing, and many small boys are discovering that the man who pays taxes on blueberry land is becoming so unreasonable as to demand that the berries there be left for the owner.

It sort of reminds us of the old Peter Rabbit stories, where Peter,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.**PROBATE COURT**

To all persons interested in the estate of **Aldice G. Eames** late of Wilmington in said County, deceased.

The administrator of said estate has presented to said Court for allowance his first account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fourteenth day of July 1952, the return day of this citation.

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a loveable animal with a somewhat amoral idea of property and ownership was always involved in altercations of one kind or another with a certain Mr. MacGregor, concerning the ownership of the carrots in Mr. MacGregor's garden.

From the viewpoint of Peter, and from the viewpoint of small boys, carrots and blueberries are there for the picking, and we sympathize with them, when they run up against Mr. MacGregor.

THEY MADE MONEY TOO

Mrs. Edith Symmes and Mrs. Emma Sargent, the winners of this year's Golden Pea Spoon award not only won the custody of our valuable prize, but they made money while they were doing it. One pound of seed was planted, and from that pound there was enough to provide the family with all the peas they wanted, but also an extra 25 pounds, which was sold at a fair profit.

SMOG IN WILMINGTON SQUARE

Wilmington Square resembled Pittsburgh, late Sunday night. A grass and brush fire, in the swamps behind Burlington Avenue, which gave the Wilmington Fire Department plenty of trouble, was responsible. About 10:45 p.m. the wind shifted, and brought the smoke into the Square. There was no danger, but enough smoke was present to make a considerable odor.

FIRST BLUEBERRIES

The first blueberries of the season were picked, we believe by Freddy Kleyman Jr., of Harris St. He and his sister picked berries for their mother on June 26th.

HE LEARNS ABOUT TELEPHONES

Nick DeFelice, of the School Building Committee is having quite a time with his little son, Arthur, 3. Arthur has learned that when you play with the dial of the telephone, somebody will say "Hello". Arthur thinks it is great fun, and Nick is wondering how to stop it.

AUTO ACCIDENT ON WOBURN STREET

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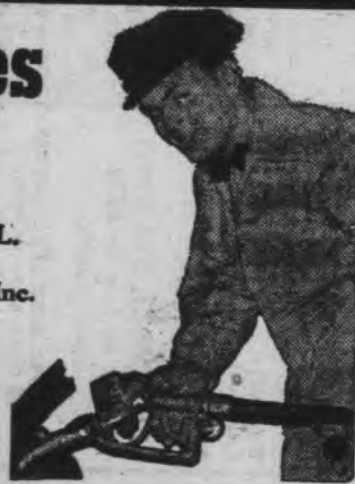
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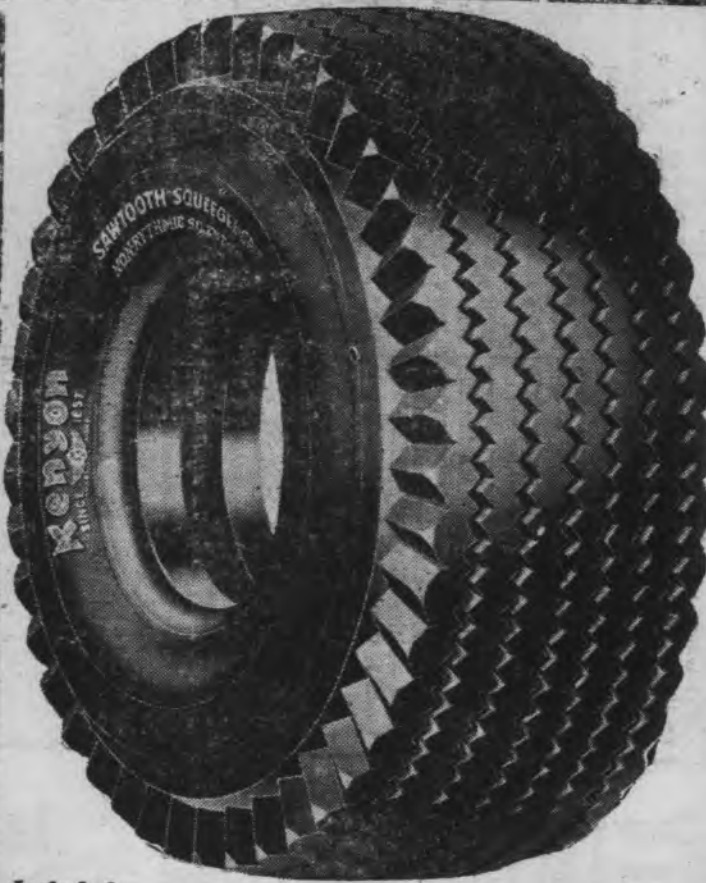
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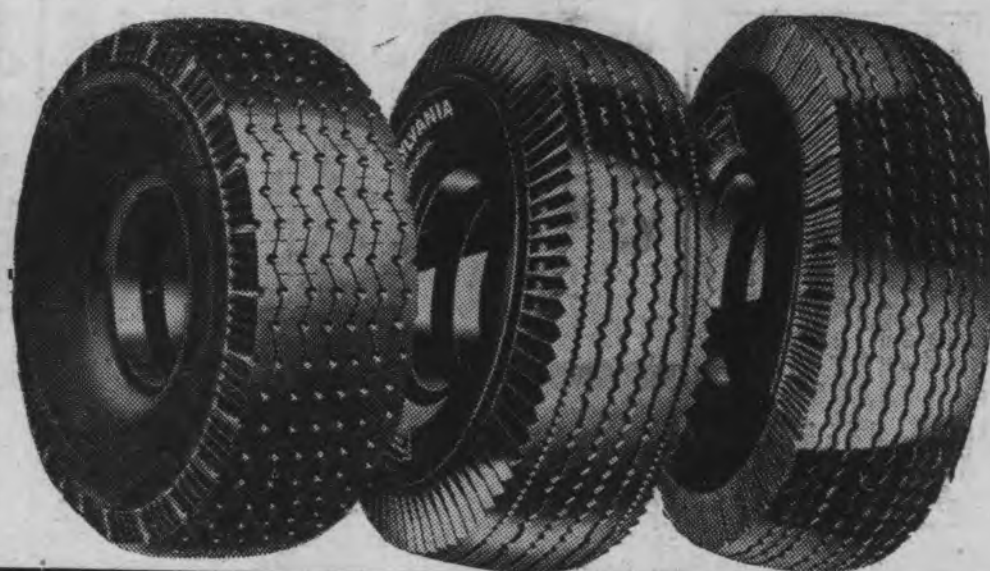
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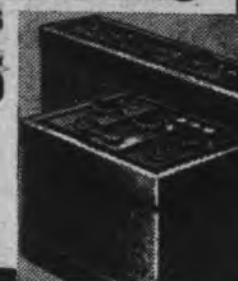
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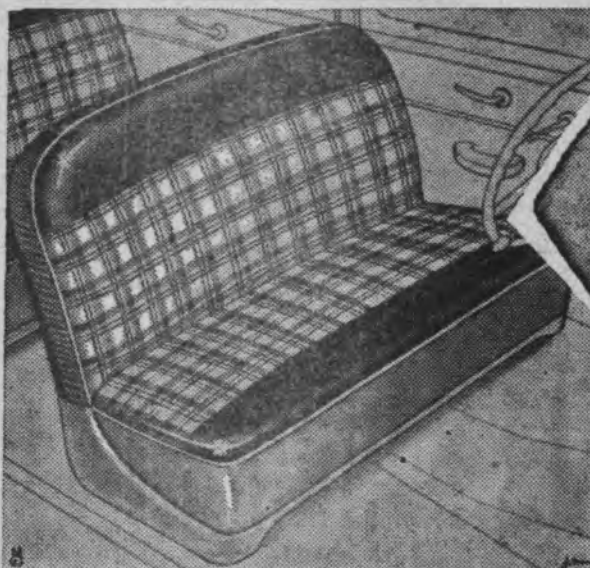
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MISS BERUBE BECOMES BRIDE

Harriet Ruth Berube, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edward Berube of 157 Old Meadow Road, Lowell, and the former Music Supervisor of the Wilmington Schools became the bride of Robert James Gunther, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Albion Gunther of 94 Merrill Avenue, Lowell, in an afternoon ceremony, at St. Rita's Church, Lowell, June 29th.

The Rev. John Murphy was the officiating clergyman, as the couple exchanged vows before an altar banked with white gladiolus. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Mr. William Hart of Lowell was the soloist and sang Schubert's Ave Maria, and Mother at Your Feet Is Kneeling, by the Sisters of Notre Dame. He was accompanied by Mrs. Clifford Goodwin at the organ.

The bride was gowned in Ivory Slipper Satin, with a Queen Anne's Lace pattern, set in seed pearls, as a yoke. She had a cathedral length train, and her veil was imported tulle, with hand rolled edge, attached to a Juliette cap. She carried a bouquet of white gladiolus and orchid.

The Matron of Honor was Mrs. Leo Barry, a former Wilmington school teacher, and a college classmate of the bride, presently living in Lowell. She wore French Orchid Chantilly Lace over taffeta, with a scoop neckline and cap sleeves. Her headpiece was an open crown cloche of matching lace, and she carried pale pink gladiolus.

George Gunther, a brother of the groom, was best man, and the ushers were George Blazon, Gregory Dillon, Burton Richardson, a brother-in-law of the groom, and Wendell Breck, a cousin of the groom. After the ceremony, a reception

was held in the Andover Country Club, Andover, Mass. The club was decorated with roses, and music was provided by a local orchestra. The guest book was in charge of Mrs. John Buckley, a college classmate of the bride.

Mrs. Joseph Berube, the mother of the bride, chose for her ensemble at the reception, a dusty rose crepe and lace dress, with ice-blue accessories, and wore an orchid corsage. The groom's mother, Mrs. George A. Gunther, wore a wheat lace dress and hat, over green taffeta, with matching green accessories. She also had an orchid corsage.

For her going away ensemble, the bride chose a two-piece dress of blue silk shantung, with white linen accessories, and wore an orchid. After a wedding trip to Montreal, Quebec, and by boat up the Saguenay, Mr. and Mrs. Gunther plan to live on Middlesex Ave., in North Wilmington.

Mrs. Gunther was educated in the Lowell schools and Lowell Teachers College. She also studied in Tufts College, in Medford. She is a member of the Lowell State Teachers College Alumni and of the League of Catholic Women.

Mr. Gunther, a production draftsman for a Newton firm, was educated in the Lowell Schools and Wentworth Institute. A veteran, he served

during the war, and in the Korean Invasion, in the United States Navy.

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Case No. 15951 Misc. (SEAL)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts LAND COURT

To all whom it may concern, and to Any persons interested in the Small Home Builders Corporation, formerly doing business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who have not released their interest in the land hereinafter described;

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Joseph Charnecky and Mildred L. Charnecky of Wilmington, in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth, to establish their title under a low value deed, under the provisions of G. L. (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 60, Section 80-B, running to Town of Wilmington, by instrument dated July 27, 1943, and recorded in the North Middlesex District Registry of Deeds, in Book 994, Page 541; that the petitioners now hold title under deed from Winston L. Harrison and Genevieve Harrison dated February 2, 1948, and duly recorded with said Registry of Deeds, in Book 1086, Page 193, and to require you to show cause why you should not bring action to try any claim or claims which you may have adverse to the petitioners' title arising out of the tax proceedings under which the petitioners' title is based.

Said petition covers a parcel of land in said Wilmington bounded and described as follows: The land acquired by the petitioners as aforesaid and covered by this petition includes only Lots No. 216 and 217, the entire land taken being described in said tax taking as follows: About 3 acres, 14,520 Sq. Ft. of land, being lots 216, 217, 567, to 570, inc., 603, 604, 605, 619, 680, 745, 746, 789, to 804, inc., as shown on plan of Wilmington Manor, recorded with Middlesex No. Dist. Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 27, Plan 7.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said petition you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said petition, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston, (at the Court House) or in the office of the Assistant Recorder of said Court at the Registry of Deeds at Lowell on or before the twenty-eighth day of July next.

Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said petition will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or from having or enforcing any claim or claims adverse to the petitioners, their heirs or assigns, in the above described land.

And in addition to the usual service of this notice as required by law, is ordered that the foregoing citation be published forthwith once each week, for three successive weeks, in the Wilmington Crusader a newspaper published in said Wilmington.

Witness, JOHN E. FENTON, Esquire, Judge of said Court this eighteenth day of June 1952.

Sybil H. Holmes, RECORDER July 2-9-16

RJ

ROAD SIGNS STOLEN

The speed signs, which the state erected, not too long ago, along Route 38, have been disappearing, one by one, and the state authorities have been forced to erect new signs in their place.

The Wilmington police are disturbed over this vandalism. Police Chief Paul Lynch feels that these signs were erected, at public expense, to protect both motorists and pedestrians, and that vandalism of this nature is the work of a morgan.

The Chief requests that any person seen tampering with these signs be reported to the Police Department.

"Safety is everybody's business," says the Chief. "People who tear down speed signs may be a contributing factor to the death of a small child! The person who is tearing down these signs may be the person who will help to kill someone in your family!"

WILLIAM BALKUS AN MP IN KOREA

William Balkus of Woburn Street, is now an MP, guarding a prison camp, in Kwongui, Korea. He finds the duty distasteful. His last letter home states that the prisoners have better clothes than the guards, and that the prisoners are very well fed, to boot.

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Barbara Bates, Jeanne Crain, and Debra Paget make an attractive trio of turn-of-century beach beauties in the Twentieth Century-Fox's nostalgic Technicolor comedy, "Belles On Their Toes" currently at the STRAND Theatre in Lowell until Saturday.



Anthony Steele, third from right, questions a pair of ivory poachers in this important scene from the Technicolor "Ivory Hunter" a Universal-International picture which starts Sunday at the STRAND Theatre in Lowell. "Ivory Hunter" was filmed entirely in the jungles of East Africa and also stars Dinah Sheridan and Harold Warrender.

CHARLIE BLAKE IN 'SEOUL'

Charlie Blake writes home that he is quartered in what used to be quarters for Medical students, in Seoul, Korea. His address is T/Sgt. Charles S. Blake, Hq. & Hq. Sq.

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SULLIVAN PIAZZA BURNS

Neighbors, who spotted a starting fire, are credited with saving the home of Mrs. Miriam Sullivan, of Lake Street, in a fire on July 3rd. The cause of the blaze is not exactly known, but it is presumed that a cigarette, thrown onto the lawn, started a fire which spread to some wood shavings, near the porch, then spread to the porch. The Fire Department was called, and promptly answered, extinguishing the fire with only minor damage.

Investigation showed that carpenters had been effecting repairs to the porch, and that they had left at 12:00, for lunch. The alarm was sounded at 1:05 p.m.

There was no one in the Sullivan home at the time of the fire.

READERS' FORUM



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Neilson:

I would appreciate it very much if you would print the attached in your paper. I am sure that many readers will be interested in visiting our gardens.

Thank you very much.

Cordially,

Mrs. Robert W. Higbie, Jr.

TOWN NOTES

WHAT THOSE REPUBLICANS WON'T DO!

We know a Democratic family that pretends to feel alarm, because they have heard that the Coco Cola and Pepsi Cola people are giving away their products free, at the Chicago Convention.

They pretend that if their children hear of this, it will cause them to turn Republican, in an effort to get free cokes!

ROTARY STAMPS WELL RECEIVED

About 10 days ago, the Rotary Club sent out several thousand envelopes, each containing 200 stamps and a self return envelope. The Rotary explained that the funds from these stamps would go to help the Rotary Park, in the middle of town, across from the Walker School.

So far about 2 dozen people have talked to us about these stamps. Every one thinks it is a wonderful idea, and is going to send in a couple of dollars. We heard, in two homes, a discussion about sending five dollars.

DRISCOLL HOME BURNS TO GROUND

An overheated stove is presumed to be the cause of a fire which completely burned the home of Daniel Driscoll, and family, of King Street, on July 4th.

The alarm was sounded at 4:20 p.m. and the house was already a mass of flames, when the Fire Department arrived. Engines 1, 2 and 5 responded to the alarm, and the Wilmington Police, under Chief Lynch were there promptly. Hundreds of Holiday spectators crowded the scene, coming from all directions, but they were kept out of the way of the Fire Department by efficient police work.

Damages are estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$3500, partly covered by insurance.

NORMAN SHARP IN BORDEAUX, FRANCE

Norman Sharp, of Larson Road, Class of 1947, WHS, is now in Bordeaux, France. His address is PFC Norman R. Sharp, Hq. Hq. & Svc Co. 866th Engr. Avn. Bn. APO 16, New York.

OPEN GARDENS IN MANCHESTER - JULY 16-17

In co-operation with its first Garden Tour Week sponsored by the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont the Garden Club of Manchester extends a cordial invitation to its neighbors and friends to visit on July 16 and 17 ten gardens in Manchester, the Art Centre and six gardens in Dorset. At the Art Centre there will be an exhibit of flower arrangements entitled "The Rolling Years" in flower harmony under the able direction of Mrs. Robert Cushman, garden sculpture and paintings. On the walls of the room where the flower arrangements are to be staged Mr. Herbert Meyer, N.A. has kindly consented to display some of his floral paintings.

The cost of the tour—one day or two—is \$2.00 or 50 cents a garden. A hostess will be at each garden. The gardens and roads leading to the gardens will be well marked. The proceeds will be given to Flowers and Service, Inc., an organization which keeps veterans at White River Junction Hospital supplied with flowers and small items not included in government care such as phone calls on Christmas, birthdays etc.

Each garden to be visited has been chosen as the best of its kind and each one is a different type of garden. For example, in Arling-

ton, Dorothy Canfield Fisher's garden is a splendid illustration of Vermont land conservation while the charming garden of Mrs. Gerard B. Lambert of Manchester, features architectural interest. In the well designed garden of Mrs. Henry F. Wolf, of Manchester, a table setting will be displayed and at the home of Miss Mary Rogers Warren (Manchester) refreshments will be served in her formal garden with a woodland background. In Dorset the English cottage garden of Mrs. J. K. Adams will be an inspiration to many visitors and the superb trees and beautiful hillside garden of Mrs. Susan B. Lord will be the envy of many others. Everywhere views and vistas abound.

At the Southern Vermont Art Centre peace and quiet prevail. It is a mountainous estate where adequate parking space near the entrance is provided. Chairs are plentiful so that paintings and flower exhibits may be viewed without tired feet or aching backs.

Drive to Manchester July 16 and 17. A hearty welcome awaits you.

CONSERVATION CAMP WANTS BOYS

It's still not too late to send a boy to the Junior Conservation

Camp, says Bob Jones, superintendent of the Bureau of Wildlife Research and Management.

With the first of four two-week sessions getting under way July 6, officials who sponsor the camp at Beartown state forest, Monterey, want it known that here are still plenty of openings for boys between the ages of 12 and 17.

The popular camp, now in its fourth year, annually takes in Massachusetts boys for a two-week course in conservation and sportsmanship. Boys are sponsored by sportsmen's clubs, civic and fraternal organizations, garden clubs, parents.

Instructors from the Division of Fisheries and Game, other conservation agencies and sportsmen's clubs lead the boys on field trips, give lectures and demonstrations. The boys live in tents for the entire period.

Cost to send a boy to this wonderful camp is \$45. It's a good investment in sound training that will make any boy a better sportsman and citizen, with an appreciation of the value of our natural resources.

Applications should go to Paul White, 20 Spruce Street, Boston.

HELP PREVENT FIRES

Some towns look on their fire department as an expense. Actually support for the enthusiastic volunteers of the fire department conserves property, keeps farm and factories in production, and saves the town from losing taxes. Just one example: In Bolton, Worcester County, Mass., lightning set the roof of a hay barn afire last fall. The house was only fifteen feet distant. Pumping water from the river, the fire department in this little town saved the property. A properly trained volunteer fire department can be of a real asset to any town.



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The Wilmington Housing Authority Has Built Well

For the last nine months, the people of Wilmington have been aware of something new, in this town. A new concept, a new way of life, has slowly been coming into existence, — planned housing, planned in a way that would have delighted the Socialists of the turn of the century, but which the Republicans and Democrats of today take almost as a matter of course. Not truly a Socialistic development, this is housing for Veterans.

Over on Wildwood Street, on Buck's Hill near the site of an ancient Indian encampment, and very close to the spot where many years ago, the Indians carried out an arrow making industry, 13 houses are now being built, 13 houses, each individual, and each nearly ready for a family. These are the houses of the Wilmington Housing Authority.

There are, in this Commonwealth a number of Housing Authorities. There is a State Housing Authority, and in a good many cities there are local authorities, but the chairman of the State Authority, Mr. Geary, has stated that there is none like that of the Wilmington Housing Authority.

It all started at the 1950 Town Meeting. On the motion of Mr. Simon Cutter, of Church Street, the town voted that there was need for a housing authority. It was as simple as that, and it was probable that not many persons understood the concept of that vote, immediately.

The gentlemen who were named to the Authority did, however. The first meeting was on March 30, 1950, and Simon Cutter was named as Chairman. Others on the Board were, E. Hayward Bliss, Joseph M.

Grimes, Herbert Higginbotham Sr., and Ralph R. Currier. The committee had to work fast. There was only nine days, in which they had to establish the need for housing, choose sites, prepare some kind of plans, and get State approval.

It was not an easy task. To get State approval, the site could not be on a main highway, must not be in a slum area, must not be too far distant from schools, etc., etc. A number of sites were proposed by the committee, but, as fast as they were proposed, the State turned them down.

Finally, after about 17 sites had been proposed and turned down, the State approved of two. One of them was a site on Wildwood Street, and the other was on Woburn Street. The committee began to breathe easily, for now they could see the way clear to build 20 homes, to partly house the number of veterans who had been requesting housing.

Trouble of another nature developed. The owner of one of the sites was unwilling to sell, and the discussion not only became controversial, but quite public, as well. Opinions were quite loudly voiced, and on one occasion the Town Hall was filled with persons who had something to say, at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The upshot of the matter was that the WHA decided to drop its plans for the Woburn Street site, and started to work on the Wildwood Street site.

Wisely, the committee decided on individual houses. Plans were drawn up, and the usual red tape gone through, the work slowly progressed.

A strip of land, 1340 feet long, and 100 feet wide, was purchased, from the Sargent estate, land which had been in the Buck family for over 200 years, the last Buck being Darius, who lived in the large square house, at the corner of Wildwood and Woburn Streets. It now belonged to the estate of his grandson, Henry W. Sargent, and was now in the probate court.

The committee, foreseeing endless litigation, exercised, with the approval of the principal heir, its power of eminent domain. The use of this power eased many of the legal burdens, and enabled the

courts to clear title on land which had been unrecorded for many years, and to which many different heirs were laying some claim.

Last October the Authority signed a contract, with Edward J. Gorman, of Boston, for 13 houses, on Wildwood Street. The Authority at this time, consisted of Joseph M. Grimes, Chairman, William A. Anderson, E. Hayward Bliss, Ralph R. Currier and Joseph F. McManus.

Provisions were made, when the contract was signed, for a 40-foot right of way, between houses No. 10 and 11. This right of way leads down in the direction of Parker Street, so that, in the future, if the town ever sees fit, a highway and bridge may be built, connecting these two parts of Wilmington.

Now the houses are nearly ready. Along Wildwood Street, they stand, each in a color of its own, standing apart. As far as possible, trees were left undisturbed, and grading is now taking place for lawns. Each house has a hot-top driveway, near the street, for a car, hot-top sidewalks and another space for clothes drying yard, similarly paved.

The houses themselves do not look large, but an interior inspection belies their appearance.

Each house has a large spacious cellar, with concrete walls and floor. Modern heating units, well located, leave plenty of space for other activities.

Seven of the homes will be three bedroom homes, and the other six have two bedrooms each. There are hardwood floors throughout, except for the bathroom and kitchen. The bath is partly tiled, and has only highest quality fixtures. The kitchens, all of the 'cabinet' style, have an electric range, with four burners and an oven, a 6.7 cubic foot refrigerator, and plenty of closet space. In the two bedroom homes, the kitchens are big enough to include a breakfast nook.

The bedrooms are well laid out, and the doors to the clothes closets are of the sliding type, making the rooms actually larger than their dimensions would indicate. There is a large linen closet, near the bedrooms, and the bathroom.

Soon, the Wilmington Housing Authority will be choosing the names of the thirteen families, who will live here. Soon, there will be 13 lucky families of veterans who will move into these all modern homes.

But first, the WHA is planning to have an open house. They believe that the people of Wilmington want to see these dwellings. The Authority is proud of their accomplishments, and well might they be, for by admission of the State, Wilmington has the best development in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

CAROL CHAPMAN HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Carol Chapman, of Aldrich Rd., is home, after an operation in the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, in Boston. This is the 4th time, in 4 months, that Miss Chapman has been in the hospital.

THE POLICE BLOTTER

Sunday—Family trouble complaint. Went to investigate. She had had one too many and he didn't like her nagging, so he slapped her

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to make her shut up. It didn't work. Escorted a Billerica lady to Town line, as she said a man was following her in another car.

Investigated trouble between two families. Their boys had been letting air out of the other families car tires. Told them to stay on their own side of the line.

Monday—Telephone call, at 12:15 a.m. Woman who didn't know where she was. Found her, and escorted her to town line, from which point she said she knew way home.

12:45 a.m. Same woman now wants to go other way. Escorted her to Woburn line, from whence she left for Somerville, via hitchhike method.

Someone stole a sign, reading, 'For Sale', from local home.

Tuesday—Watch reported stolen from car at Town Beach. Complaint that little boys are causing havoc with fire crackers, throwing them in windows. Investigated, and warned boys.

Wednesday—Met Reading cruiser at town line, 3 a.m. and took stranded citizen home.

Went to home of citizen with out-of-town police, who arrested citizen on warrant.

Wallet reported lost, contained sum of money.

Thursday—Wallet has been found, lost yesterday. Owner found it. Delivered summons to West Wilmington man for Cambridge police. Traffic. Delivered summons to Wilmington center man, Boston police, traffic.

Friday—took stranded soldier to Reading line.

Malicious mischief at camp, in West Wilmington.

Prowler reported in West Wilmington area last night. Didn't call last night because it was too late.

Saturday—Summons for East Wilmington man, Boston police, traffic. Complaint of speeding, in North Wilmington.

AMERICAN LEGION CARNIVAL AT THOMPSON'S GROVE

Post 136, of the American Legion is holding an all-week carnival at Thompson's Grove.

ALBERT MONTEIRO HOME ON LEAVE

Albert Monteiro, of Aldrich Rd., is home on a 20-day leave. He has been stationed, for some time, in Camp Rucker, Alabama, and is scheduled to be shipped overseas, to Germany, sometime after July 13th.

Mr. Harold B. Olsen of Pepperell and Mr. Farnham W. Smith of Concord are co-chairmen of the Grounds, Building and Maintenance Committee and responsible for the success of the enterprise.

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W. F. Robinson, A&P Sales Di-
rector for this area, stated that
the below-ceiling prices prevail on
a wide variety of items, including
baby foods, cereals, canned fruits,
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The food chain executive pointed
to typical items and prices current-
ly in effect in the company's stores
in this area as examples of the
hundreds of below-ceiling prices.
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CRITICAL SHORTAGE IN WATER SUPPLY

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tention to these leaks. In unmetered houses, he believes, the householders are unaware of the amount of water that passes out of the system every day, because of leaks. Mr. Sargent was confident that if all leaks were to be fixed the water picture would brighten considerably.

Wilmington has 61 wells, at its North Wilmington station. Of these 56 are clean, and 5 have to be cleaned, a task that can be done only in the summer, when the water is low.

These 61 wells supply about 1.5 million gallons of water a day with the pumps running 24 hours. An increase in pumping facilities would not increase the water supply. The only way to increase the water supply is to sink more wells.

At the present time the Town of Wilmington, besides furnishing water for North Reading, and for the "Aberjona" plant, of the General Foods Corporation, which is on the Wilmington-Woburn line.

The Aberjona plant is furnished water under a contract, entered into some years ago, in which contract the town agreed to furnish water and the company agreed to implement the water facilities of the town.

A new pump was furnished by this contract, and 21 new wells were put in, or about one third of the present number of wells.

The Aberjona company today uses about 3,500,000 gallons a month or a little over two days pumping, about 1/15th of the water pumped in a month.

The rules for the North Reading people, as far as use of water is concerned, are the same as for the people of Wilmington, Mr. Sargent told the press.

"There is, in one sense, no danger, as long as we can get water," said Mr. Sargent. "If we have the water, we can keep up the pressure, and the Fire Department won't be held down, for lack of water. Just the same, we do wish that the citizens would cooperate and help each other out, by not using the sprinklers out of hours, and by getting those leaks and gurglers fixed! It's those leaks and gurglers that really cost money," he said. "What we ought to do is put house with leaks and gurglers on a meter, as the law says we can do. That would make the householders pay attention!"

SECOND CONNECTION FOR WILMINGTON AND TEWKSBURY WATER

On June 17th, a second connection was made between the systems of the Water Departments of Wilmington and Tewksbury, enabling these two towns to exchange water, in cases of necessity, at two different points.

Prior to this, the only point at which the two towns were connected was on Salem Street. Wilmington, last fall, let Tewksbury have water through this connection, in order that Tewksbury might test her newly installed pipelines. Her pumping station was not ready at the time.

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The fire broke out last Sunday, on a beautiful rocky knoll, covered with pine and white oak, in a remote section of the woods. Before the fire was under control, it had covered 10 acres.

Since last Sunday, the fire has continued to smolder and burn. While never of dangerous proportions, it is deeply imbedded in pine needles and other materials, and is very difficult to extinguish. The firemen have to go down to a depth of three feet, in many places, to get at the fire, and the Boston Gloge, on Monday described the fire as the worst one in the State.

Immense quantities of water have been used, in fighting the fire. The auxiliary pump, and a truck have been constantly stationed on the Robert's estate, relaying water from the hydrants.

The fire is believed to have been started by careless picnickers. In the center of the burned area an open fireplace was found, with a steel plate, for use as a grill. Remains, newly made, of a picnic lunch were also found.

HOW MUCH WATER IN A SPRINKLER?

Edmund Sargent, Superintendent of the Water Department, and the Crusader Reporter, tried out a sprinkler, Monday, to see how much water it used.

The sprinkler was a rain king, master model. It was hooked up to a hose, and on the other end a water meter was installed. The pressure of the water, in the line, was about 75 pounds.

In one minute and 25 seconds, the sprinkler had used one cubic foot of water. For the purposes of calculation, and because not all the homes in Wilmington get the same pressure at the water station, Mr. Sargent assumed that it took two minutes to get a cubic foot of water through the average sprinkler in Wilmington.

On that basis, if every family in town with water supplied by the town were to turn on a sprinkler, for three hours a day, the town would have to supply 1,350,000 gallons of water for sprinklers alone!

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FREDDY FISH FLIES HOME TO AILING FATHER

Capt. Fred Fish, USA, flew home from Germany, over the week-end, to see his father, Howard, of Burlington Avenue, who is very ill in the Winchester Hospital.

Fred received word, in Weisbaden, Germany, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon that his father was very ill. With the approval of his Commanding Officer, emergency leave was granted by the 7th Army, and at 10 Sunday morning, Fred boarded a plane at Frankfurt, and headed home.

Arriving in the United States, at Westover Field, Monday morning, Fred rushed to his father's bedside to find his father feeling better and improving.

Fred says the flight across was

a very pleasant experience. He stayed for 8 hours at a US Airbase in the Azores. He describes the Airforce in the Azore Islands. He describes the scene, which he saw that night, as one of the most beautiful in his memory. Fred was taken up to an officer's club, on top of a mountain, and from there he watched a full moon rise out of the sea and shine down on white beaches, and native farms.

Route 128 Changes Things

Fred was amazed at the difference, in 18 months, in the approaches to Wilmington. Route 128 had completely altered things, and he had to ask questions, at times to know where he was.

Old Crusader Readers Meet In Germany

Fred met another Crusader read-

er, in Germany, last Winter. He and Charles White, of Glen Road, had several hours together when they met, he believes, in Frankfurt. Fred didn't know Charlie, but when Charlie said that he was "John's brother" that sufficed.

Fred is now going to stay here, for 30 days, before returning to Germany.

GUSTAVE LANDRY WITH FIRST MARINES

Gustave Landry, of Silverhurst Avenue, is serving with the First Marines in Korea. His address is Cpl. Gustave F. Landry, 1161234, Hq. Co., 1st Ord. Bn, 1st Marine Div. FMF, FPO, San Francisco, California.

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